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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

GEORGE GOODRITZ

: No.

Plaintiff,

v.

1911 WALNUT STREET LLC,

COMPLAINT

ALLIED PARKING SERVICES, LLC

Defendants

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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

George Goodritz (the “Plaintiff”), by and through his counsel, brings this lawsuit against 1911 Walnut Street, LLC, and Allied Parking Services, LLC seeking all available relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act for the failure to comply with the Act’s accessibility requirements. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief requiring the Defendant to remove the accessibility barriers which exist at its parking facility. The allegations contained herein are based on personal experience of the Plaintiff.

I. JURISDICTION

1. This action is brought pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*
2. This civil controversy arises under the laws of the United States, and jurisdiction in conferred upon this District Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331.

II. VENUE

3. All actions complained of herein took place within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
4. Venue is proper in this judicial District as provided by 28 U.S.C. §1391(b).

III. PARTIES

5. Plaintiff is a 69 year-old adult male who currently resides in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
6. Plaintiff is a disabled individual.
7. According to the Philadelphia Board of Revision of Taxes, the property owner for the parcels 1904 through 1940 Sansom Street is 1911 Walnut Street LLC (“Defendant Walnut”).
8. Defendant Walnut is a foreign limited liability company registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State under entity identification number 4289025.
9. The Corporation Service Company is listed as the registered agent for Defendant Walnut at a business address of 600 North 2nd Street, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110.

10. Allied Parking Services, LLC, (“Defendant Allied”) is a domestic limited liability company registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State under entity identification number 551016.

11. Defendant Allied has a business address of 1305 Hollow Cove, Narberth, Pennsylvania 19072.

IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS

The Parking Facility

12. Upon information and belief Defendant Walnut owns a public parking lot located at the corner of 20th Street and Sansom Street in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103 (the “Parking Facility”).

13. Upon information and belief, Defendant Allied manages the Parking Facility.

14. The Parking Facility offers parking to the general public.

15. There is an entrance/exit on South 20th Street and on Sansom Street.

16. For a fee, an individual can park a vehicle in the Parking Facility at the prevailing market rates.

17. The Parking Facility has more than 40 (forty) parking spaces.

18. Once inside the Parking Facility, the customer must locate an empty parking space on the lot to park his or her vehicle.

19. Customers are required to leave their vehicle keys with the Parking Facility’s parking attendants.

20. Customers can park their own vehicle. When there are few parking spaces remaining, a customer must temporarily park his or her vehicle in a right of way, and allow a parking attendant to park the vehicle.

21. To maximize the number of vehicles that can be parked on the lot, the Parking Facility's parking attendant may need to move customers' cars and double park them within the lot.
22. Upon the conclusion of the customer's use of the Parking Facility, the customer must pay the parking attendant.
23. The Parking Facility has 1 (one) marked handicap-accessible parking space. (**See Exhibit A**)
24. The Parking Facility has no marked van-accessible handicap parking spaces.
25. The Parking Facility has no handicap parking signs.
26. The Parking Facility has no marked accessible routes.

The Plaintiff

27. The Plaintiff is a disabled individual within the meaning of the ADA.
28. The Plaintiff has difficulty walking.
29. The Plaintiff possesses a handicap parking placard issued by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.
30. The Plaintiff's handicap parking placard permits him to park his vehicle in spaces designated as being handicap-accessible.
31. The Plaintiff's personal vehicle is a 2016 Toyota RAV 4.
32. The Plaintiff's handicap parking placard hangs on the rear-view mirror of his vehicle.
33. The Plaintiff travels to Philadelphia frequently, and is often unable to find parking on the streets.
34. Plaintiff parks in a parking garage or parking lot when on-street parking is not available.
35. The Plaintiff has patronized the Parking Facility.

36. The Plaintiff would patronize the Parking Facility in the future, but is currently deterred because of the lack of any handicap-accessible parking places.

THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

37. Congress enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) in 1990 with the purpose of providing “[a] clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities” and “[c]lear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities.” 42 U.S.C. § 12101(b).
38. The ADA provides a private right of action for injunctive relief to “any person who is being subject to discrimination on the basis of disability.” 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a)(1).
39. Under the ADA, a disability is defined as “(A) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual; (B) a record of such an impairment; or (C) being regarded as having such an impairment.” 42 U.S.C. § 12102(1).
40. Title III of the ADA provides that “[n]o individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.” 42 U.S.C. § 12182.
41. “It shall be discriminatory to afford an individual or class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements with the opportunity to participate in or benefit from

a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation that is not equal to that afforded to other individuals.” 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(1)(A)(ii).

42. A “public accommodation” are private entities whose operations affect commerce. See 42 U.S.C. § 12181(7).

43. In relevant part, Title III requires that the facilities of a public accommodation be “readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, except where an entity can demonstrate that it is structurally impracticable.” 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(1).

44. Discrimination under the ADA includes the failure to remove architectural barriers where such removal is easily achievable. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv).

45. “Readily achievable” means easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense. 28 C.F.R. § 36.104.

46. Under Title III, places of public accommodation and commercial facilities that are newly constructed for occupancy beginning after January 26, 1992, must be “readily accessible to and usable by” individuals with disabilities. 28 C.F.R. § 36.401(a) (1).

47. “Facility” means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, rolling stock or other conveyances, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located. 28 C.F.R. § 35.104.

48. Existing facilities whose construction predates January 26, 1992, must meet the lesser “barrier removal standard,” which requires the removal of barriers wherever it is “easily accomplishable and able to be done without undue burden or expense.” 28 C.F.R. § 36.304(a).

49. March 15, 2012 was the compliance date for using the 2010 ADA Standards for program accessibility and barrier removal.¹

50. Under the ADA, businesses or privately owned facilities that provide goods or services to the public have a continuing obligation to remove accessibility barriers in existing parking lots when it is readily achievable to do so.

Accessible Parking under the ADA

51. The 1991 implementing rules and the 2010 revisions to the ADA set forth the following requirements for handicap-accessible parking spaces:²

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Parking Facility	Minimum Number of Required Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2% of the total number of parking spaces
More than 1001	20, plus 1 for each 100 parking spaces over 1000

52. The ADA requires that handicap-accessible parking spaces be at least 96 (ninety-six) inches wide. See Appendix A to Part 36- Standards for Accessible Design, 28 C.F.R. Part 36.³

¹ https://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards_index.htm

² <https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADASTandards/2010ADASTandards.htm#pgfId-1010282>

³ <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards/chapter-5-general-site-and-building-elements>

53. The width of a parking space is measured from the center of each parking line bordering the parking space.⁴ (See **Exhibit B**)
54. The ADA requires that there be an access isle for the handicap-accessible parking space that is at least 60 (sixty) inches wide. (See **Exhibit B**)
55. The 2010 ADA regulations state that one in every six accessible spaces must be van accessible.⁵
56. Creating designated accessible handicap spaces is just one example of a barrier removal. 28 C.F.R. § 36.304(b)(18).
57. The restriping/repainting of the parking space borders is relatively inexpensive, and should be readily achievable and easily accomplishable.⁶

Valet Parking

58. The 1991 Standards of the ADA and the 2010 Standards of the ADA require parking facilities that provide valet parking services to have an accessible passenger loading zone.⁷
59. The 2010 ADA Standards require that valet facilities to also provide accessible parking spaces.⁸
60. Valet parking facilities must have an accessible passenger loading zone that has an access aisle that is a minimum of 60 (sixty) inches wide and extends the full length of the vehicle pull-up space. (See **Exhibit C**)

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

⁶ <https://www.ada.gov/restripe.pdf>

⁷ https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII_2010/reg3_2010_appendix_b.htm

⁸ https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII_2010/reg3_2010_appendix_b.htm

61. The 1991 ADA Standards and the 2010 ADA Standards both require a passenger loading zone to have a vehicle pull-up space that is a minimum of 96 (ninety-six) inches wide and a minimum of 20 (twenty) feet in length.⁹ (See **Exhibit C**)

62. The passenger loading zone must be located on an accessible route to the entrance of the facility.¹⁰

Accessible Routes under the ADA

63. Exterior accessible routes may include parking access aisles, curb ramps, crosswalks at vehicular ways, walks, ramps, and lifts.¹¹

64. This route, which must be at least three feet wide, must remain accessible and not be blocked.¹²

65. In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible pedestrian entrance of the parking facility.¹³

Signage and the ADA

66. The ADA standards require the use of the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA) to identify parking spaces which are reserved for use by individuals with disabilities.¹⁴

(See **Exhibit D**)

⁹ https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII_2010/reg3_2010_appendix_b.htm

¹⁰ <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#4.6.6>

¹¹ <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#3>. MISCELLANEOUS

¹² Id.

¹³ <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#4.3>

¹⁴ <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#4.1>

67. Handicap-accessible parking spaces must be designed as “reserved” by a showing the ISA.
68. The ISA must be used to identify accessible passenger loading zones.
69. Directional signage must be used at inaccessible entrances to provide directions to the nearest accessible route.
70. Parking space identification signs shall be 60 (sixty) inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.¹⁵

COUNT I –

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE PROPER NUMBER OF HANDICAP-
ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES**

71. All preceding paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
72. The United States Supreme Court recognized the term “major life activities” includes walking. Bragdon v. Abbott, 524 U.S. 624, 638–39 (1998).
73. The Plaintiff is a disabled individual within the meaning of the ADA.
74. The major life activity that the constitutes the Plaintiff’s disability is his difficulty walking distances.
75. Defendants provided only 1 (one) parking space which was labeled as “handicap accessible” at the Parking Facility.
76. Defendants failed to provide any parking spaces that are labeled as “handicap accessible” by a van at the Parking Facility.

¹⁵ <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards/chapter-5-general-site-and-building-elements>

77. Defendants failed to provide any parking spots for vans that have an accompanying 96-inch wide adjacent access aisle.
78. The Parking Facility's failure to provide more than 1 (one) handicap-accessible parking space has created an accessibility barrier for the Plaintiff, and other similarly situated disabled individuals.
79. Defendant Walnut is responsible for ensuring the Parking Facility's compliance with the ADA.
80. Defendant Allied is responsible for ensuring the Parking Facility's compliance with the ADA.
81. The Defendants can remedy their non-compliance with the ADA's parking requirements by designating at least one of the available non-handicap-accessible spaces as handicap-accessible space for a car.
82. The Defendants can remedy their non-compliance with the ADA's parking requirements by designating at least one of the available non-handicap-accessible spaces as handicap-accessible space for a van.
83. Compliance with the handicap parking space requirements at the Parking Facility is readily achievable.
84. The Defendants failure to comply with the ADA has denied the Plaintiff the full and equal enjoyment of the parking offered by the Parking Facility.
85. Plaintiff is adversely affected by the Parking Facility's failure to comply with the ADA.
86. The Defendants have discriminated against the Plaintiff by their failure to comply with the ADA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, seeks to injunctive relief to require the Defendants to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with costs and mandatory attorneys' fees under as provided by 42 U.S.C. § 12005, and such other legal and equitable relief from Defendant as the Court deems just and proper.

COUNT II-

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE SIGNAGE & ACCESS
REQUIRMENTS UNDER THE ADA**

87. All of the preceding paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

88. The Parking Facility does not have any directional signs for the nearest accessible route.

89. The Parking Facility does not have any marked passenger loading zones for any valet area.

90. The Parking Facility does not have any handicap-accessible parking signs.

91. The Parking Facility does not have any van-accessible handicap-accessible parking signs.

92. The Parking Facility does not have any marked accessible routes.

93. The Defendants can remedy their non-compliance by reallocating existing parking spaces and painting border lines which conform to the dimensional requirements of the ADA for handicap-accessible parking spaces and access aisles.

94. Plaintiff is adversely affected by the Parking Facility's failure to comply with the ADA handicap-accessible parking requirements.

95. The Defendants failure to comply with the ADA handicap-accessible parking requirements has denied the Plaintiff the full and equal enjoyment of parking offered by the Parking Facility.

96. The Defendants have discriminated against the Plaintiff by its failure to comply with the ADA handicap-accessible parking requirements.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, seeks to injunctive relief to require the Defendants to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with costs and mandatory attorneys' fees under as provided by 42 U.S.C. § 12005, and such other legal and equitable relief from Defendant as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Franklin J. Rooks Jr., certify that I served Plaintiff's Complaint via the Court's ECF system.

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EXHIBIT A



EXHIBIT B

(Source: <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/guide-to-the-ada-standards/chapter-5-parking#spaces>)

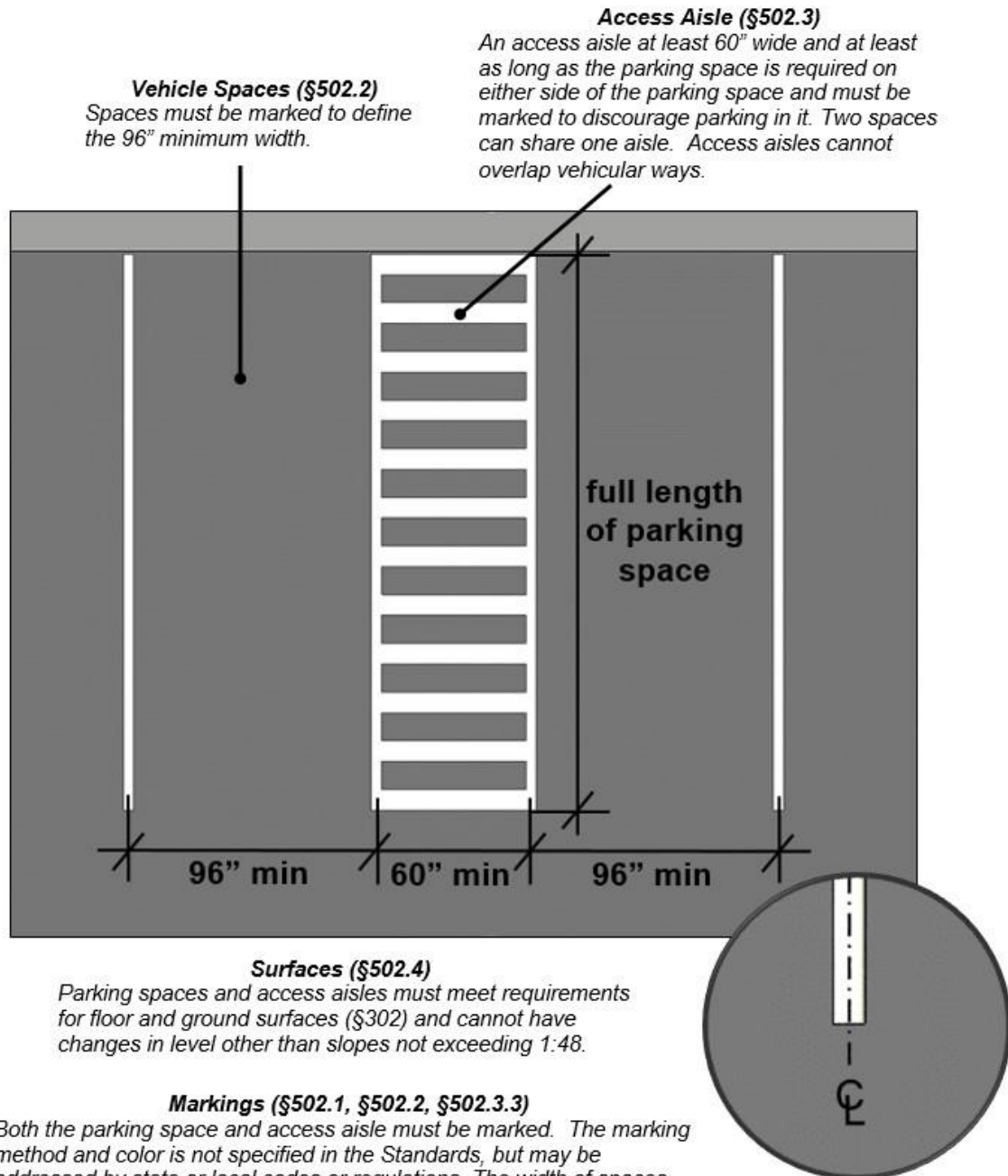


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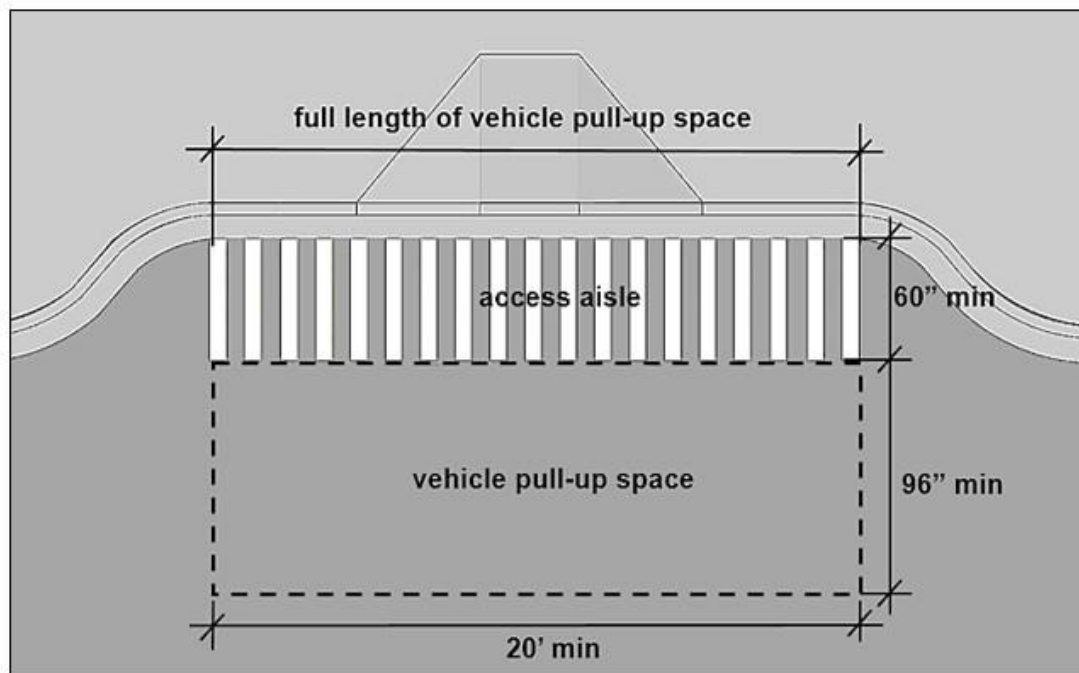
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Vehicle Pull-Up Space (§503.2)

The vehicle pull-up space must be at least 96" wide and at least 20' long.

Access Aisle (§503.3)

A marked access aisle is required next to, and at the same level as, the vehicle pull-up space. The access aisle must be at least 60" wide, extend the full length of the vehicle pull-up space, adjoin an accessible route, and cannot overlap vehicular ways. The marking method and color is not specified.



Surfaces (§503.4)

Vehicle pull-up spaces and access aisles must meet requirements for ground and floor surfaces (§302) and cannot have changes in level other than slopes not steeper than 1:48. Curb ramps cannot overlap access aisles or vehicle pull-up spaces.

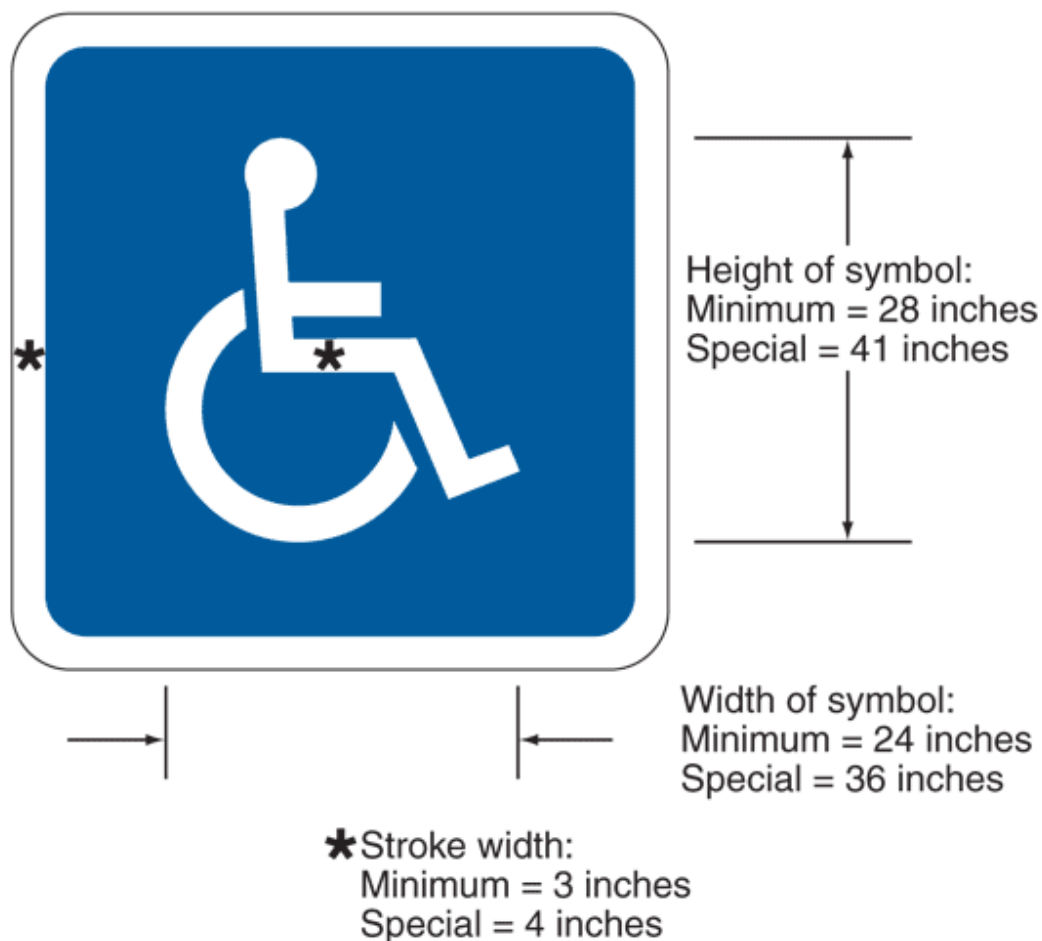
Vertical Clearance (§503.5)

A vertical clearance of 114" is required at the vehicle pull-up space and access aisle and along a vehicular route connecting them to a vehicle entrance and exit.

Accessible passenger loading zones are not required to be identified by the International Symbol of Accessibility.

EXHIBIT D

Figure 3B-22. International Symbol of Accessibility Parking Space Marking



Note: Blue background and white border are optional
